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<u>VETO MESSAGE FROM THE</u> <u>GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY</u> REGARDING SENATE BILL 119 OF THE 2022 REGULAR SESSION

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

Senate Bill 119 of the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing Senate Bill 119 because while the changes the bill makes to the way a road or bridge on the state highway system is named may seem small, they are more examples of taking traditional powers away from the Executive Branch and giving them to the Legislative Branch. Senate Bill 119 strips the authority of the Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to, in his or her discretion, name a road or bridge on the state highway system after an individual, historic event, or any other name that may be of significance to the history of the Commonwealth or any of its counties or communities. The bill also requires the Transportation Cabinet Secretary to direct the placement of signage signifying the honorary naming of a road, a road segment, or a bridge on direction by joint resolution of the General Assembly.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 119.

This, the 1st day of April, 2022.

Andy Besher Governor

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